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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE SEAT APPORTIONMENT

REF: A. A-123 B. SAIGON 899 C. SAIGON 238 D. SAIGON 2[illegible]

1. DECREE LAW NUMBER 325-CT/LDQG/SL WAS ISSUED AUGUST [illegible] IMPLEMENTING THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION LAW PROMULGATED (TEXT) TRANSMITTED REF A. 1. THERE ARE 137 LOWER HOUSE APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS AMONG 53 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS (F DISTRICT IS NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY BEGINNING IN SAIGON THENCE FROM I CORPS SOUTHWARD. THESE NUMBERS ARE IN PARENTHESES

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IN THE TAB[illegible]N WHICH FOLLOWS. 1 EACH PROVINCE/ZXND AUTONOMOUS CITY CONSTI[illegible] ONE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCY WITH THE EXCEPTION

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OR SAIGON, WHICH HAS THREE, AND GIA DINH WHICH HAS TWO.

2. SAIGON: 3 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, SAIGON (1) 5 SEATS; SAIGON (2) 6 SEATS; SAIGON (3) 4 SEATS; TOTAL 15, DOWN 1 VIETNAMESE SEAT FROM 1966 CA REPRESENTATION):

I CORPS:
HUE (4), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; DA NANG (5), 2 SEATS, NO CHANGE; QUANG NAM (6), 3 SEATS, (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED); QUANG NGAI (7) 5 SEATS, 4 VIETNAMESE, 1 SVN MONTAGNARD, NO CHANGE; QUANG TIN (8), 2 SEATS, (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT LOST); QUANG TRI (9), 2 SEATS, NO CHANGE; THUA THIEN (10), 4 SEATS (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED); CORPS TOTAL: 19 SEATS, (UP 1 VIETNAMESE SEAT).

II CORPS:
CAM RANH (11), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; DA LAT (12), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; BINH DINH (13), 6 SEATS, (3 VIETNAMESE SEATS ADDED); BINH THUAN (14), 4 SEATS, 2 VIETNAMESE, 1 CHAM, 1 NVN MONTAGNARD, (1 CHAM SEAT ADDED); DARLAC (15), 3 SEAS, 2 VIETNAMESE, 1 SVN MONTAGNARD, (1 VIETNAMESE EAT ADDED); KHANH HOA (16), 3 SEATS, NO CHANGE; KONTUM (17), 2 SEATS,

1 VIETNAMESE, 1 SVN MONTAGNARD, NO CHANGE; LAM DONG (18), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; NINH THUAN (19), 2 SEATS, 1 VIETNAMESE, 1 CHAM, NO CHANGE; QUANG DUC (20), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; PHU BON (21), 2 SEATS, 1 VIETNAMESE, 1 MONTAGNARD, NO CHANGE; PHU YEN (22), 2 SEATS, NO CHANGE; PLEIKU (23), 3 SEATS, 2 VIETNAMESE, 1 MONTAGNARD, (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED); TUYEN DUC (24), 3 SEATS, 1 VIETNAMESE, 1 SVN MONTAGNARD, 1 NVN MONTAGNARD, NO CHANGE; CORPS TOTAL: 34 SEATS, (5 VIETNAMESE AND 1 CHAM SEAT ADDED).

III CORPS:
VUNG TAU (25), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; BIEN HOA (26), 4 SEATS, (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED); BINH DUONG (27), 2 SEATS, NO CHANGE; BINH LONG (28), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; BINH TUY (29), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE; GIA DINH (30), 6 SEATS, 2(1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED); GIA DINH (31), 5 SEATS, NO CHANGE; HAU NGHIA (32) 1 SEAT,

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NO CHANGE: LONG AN (33) 2 SEATS, (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED); LONG KHANH (34), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE: PHUOC LONG (35) 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE: PHUOC TUY (36), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE: TAY NINH (37), 3 SEATS, (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED): CORPS TOTAL: 29 SEATS, (4 VIETNAMESE SEATS ADDED):

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IV CORPS:
AN GIANG (38), 4 SEATS, NO CHANGE: AN XUYEN (39) 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE: BA XUYEN (40), 3 SEATS, 2 VIETNAMESE, 1 CAMBODIAN (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED): BAC LIEU (41), 2 SEATS, 1 VIETNAMESE, 1 CAMBODIAN (1 CAMBODIAN SEAT ADDED): CHAU DOC (42), 5 SEATS, 4 VIETNAMESE, 1 CAMBODIAN (2 VIETNAMESE SEATS ADDED): CHUONG THIEN (43), 2 SEATS, 1 VIETNAMESE, 1 CAMBODIAN (1 CAMBODIAN SEAT ADDED): DINH TUONG (44), 2 SEATS, NO CHANGE: GO CONG (45), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE: KIEN GIANG (46) 4 SEATS, 3 VIETNAMESE, 1 CAMBODIAN (2 VIETNAMESE SEATS ADDED): KIEN HOA (47), 2 SEATS, NO CHANGE: KIEN PHONG (48) 2 SEATS, NO CHANGE: KIEN TUONG (49), 1 SEAT, NO CHANGE: PHONG DINH (50), 3 SEATS, (1 VIETNAMESE SEAT ADDED): SA DEC (51) 2 SEATS: VINH BINH (52) 3 SEATS, 2 VIETNAMESE AND 1 CAMBODIAN: VINH LONG (53), 3 SEATS (SA DEC, VINH LONG AND VINH BINH CONSTITUTED ONLY 2 PROVINCES, VINH LONG AND VINH BINH, DURING LAST YEAR'S CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. IN THESE 2 PROVINCES THERE 6 SEATS, ONE OF WHICH WAS CAMBODIAN. THIS AREA HAS THUS INCREASED ITS REPRESENTATION BY 2 VIETNAMESE SEATS): CORPS TOTAL: 40 SEATS, 34 VIETNAMESE AND 6 CAMBODIAN, (UP 10 SEATS) 8 VIETNAMESE

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AND 2 CAMBODIAN).

3. THERE ARE 137 SEATS IN ALL, 121 RESERVED FOR ETHNIC VIETNAMESE, 6 FOR CAMBODIANS, 6 FOR SVN MONTAGNARDS, 2 FOR NVN MONTAGNARDS, AND 2 FOR CHAMS. THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY HAD 117 SEATS, WITH 6 SVN MONTAGNARDS, 4 CAMBODIANS, 2 NON MONTAGNARDS, AND 1 CHAM.

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4. CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEBATES WHICH LED TO APPORTIONMENT DECISIONS WERE REPORTED REFERENCES B., C., AND D. PRINCIPLE IS ONE SEAT PER 50,000 REGISTERED VOTERS; PROVINCES WITH MINORITIES BENEFIT FROM PROVISION WHICH APPORTIONSONE SEAT FOR EACH 50,000 OF TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION TO VITNAMESE, THEN ADDS APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SEATS FOR MINORITTES. THUS, BA XUYEN WHICH HAS 103,280 REGISTERED VOTERS HAS THREE SEATS, 2 VIETNAMESE AND 1 CAMBODIAN.

5. ONLY SEATS LOST WERE IN SAIGON (WHICH WAS PICKED UP IN GIA DINH) AND IN QUANG TIN, WHERE THREE SEATS WERE APPORTIONED LAST YEAR DESPITE VOTER REGISTRATION OF ONLY 90507. WE DO NOT KNOW WHY ANOMALY EXISTED THEN; PERHAPS IT WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT. IT HAS BEEN RECTIFIED NOW.

6. FILING FOR LOWER HOUSE RACE BEGINS AUGUST 24 AND LAS ONE WEEK. LARGE NUMBERS OF CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED.
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